

Learn How to Avoid Cubs

It is illegal to harvest a bear less than a year of age. Generally, cubs less than a year old are accompanying sows and appear smaller than the sow. In Wisconsin, measurements taken of cubs in dens have shown that avoiding a bear that is less than 42 inches in length, from the end of its nose to the base of the tail, will avoid most bears less than a year old. Marking a stick or other item and placing it near your bait site may help in determining the size of the bear. WHEN IN DOUBT, LET IT PASS.

Validating Kills

Immediately after killing a bear, a person shall validate the license by cutting out the appropriate information as instructed on the license. The license must then be attached to the bear's lower jaw. You may wish to fold the kill tag in half directly over a piece of wire or cord (after removing backing) before attaching the license to the lower jaw of the bear in a secure and permanent manner. The bear must be registered by the person who killed it within 72 hours of the kill.

Carcass Care

Bear hunting season usually occurs in warm and wet weather conditions. The carcass of a harvested bear can be up to five times larger than a deer, and the terrain over which the bear must be moved can be especially difficult. For meat of good quality, follow these important steps:

1. Cool meat quickly (minimum 32-40° F) and age properly.
2. Prevent dampness (any waterproof covering must allow full air circulation).
3. Keep meat clean, and keep flies off.

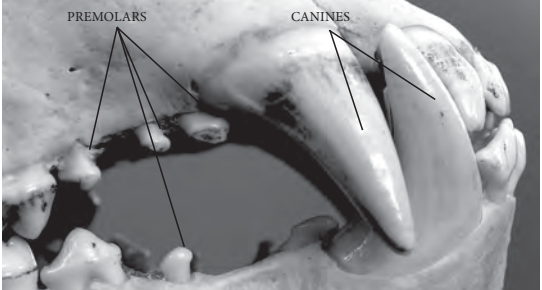
How Bear Hunters Help

The DNR collects a tooth from all bears and the reproductive tracts from female bear. The tooth is used to determine the age of the bear, and the reproductive tract is used to determine the reproductive condition of the bear. Gathered over a period of years, the information also can be used to estimate the number of bear in the state and whether the population is increasing, decreasing or stable. The tooth and reproductive tract should be collected at the time you dress-out your bear and turned in at the time the bear is sealed and registered. It is very important that a tooth is submitted with each reproductive tract. For more information on how to remove and submit the female reproductive tract, see www.michigan.gov/bear under Bear Hunting.

Tooth Collection

Bears can be aged using a microscope to count the number of cementum layers in cross-sections of premolar teeth from either the upper or lower jaw. The cementum layers look much like rings in a cross-section of a tree; each layer represents one year.

The premolars are small, single-rooted, peg-like teeth located between the canines and the molars. A premolar can be removed by cutting with a knife in front of and behind the tooth and pulling gently with pliers. It is okay if some of the gum adheres to the tooth. The aging technique actually works better if the tooth is not scraped clean. The age cannot be determined from the tooth crown; therefore, it is very important that the premolar be removed with the root as intact as possible.



The tooth can be wrapped in paper (not plastic or foil) or placed in an envelope and can be dried or frozen. Turn in the tooth when you have your bear sealed and registered. The age of your bear can be checked at www.michigan.gov/dnr/lab after April 1.

Bear Hunting Reporting Option

Accurate and complete information on hunting activity is vital for sound wildlife management. All bear hunters are encouraged to report their hunting activity, after their season has ended, at www.michigan.gov/hunting. These surveys are the same as those traditionally mailed to randomly selected hunters. Mail surveys will continue; however, the online reporting option allows all hunters to participate. Mandatory registration for all successful bear hunters is required within 72 hours of bear harvest.

Bear Cooperator Patch

Michigan's bear cooperator patch program is coordinated by the Michigan Bear Hunters Association, in partnership with the DNR. Young hunters, ages 10-17, who have a valid bear hunting license may receive a free patch. To receive a patch, please send name and complete address, along with a legible copy of the youth's valid bear hunting license, to MBHA, Bear Patch Program, 10510 Fairgrieve Rd., Johannesburg, MI 49751. To view the 2012 bear patch go to www.michigan.gov/bear.

Adult hunters, collectors and other interested individuals may purchase the patch for \$5, including postage and handling. You do not have to harvest a bear to purchase a patch. Send orders to the address above, and please make your check or money order payable to the Michigan Bear Hunters Association. Bear patches will be available until supplies are gone. Currently, the 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 patches are available for purchase. For information on the patches, contact the address above or email alimcv@yahoo.com.

Commercial Forest (CF) Lands

Over 2.2 million acres of privately owned forests enrolled in the CF program are accessible to the public by foot for fishing and hunting. Use of motorized vehicles for fishing and hunting access is at the landowner's discretion. The CF lands are not posted or signed as commercial forests and may be fenced and/or gated. The presence of a fence or gate does not prohibit public access to CF lands for fishing or hunting. The owner may restrict public access during periods of active commercial logging to ensure public safety. Other than foot access for the acts of hunting or fishing, activities such as (but not limited to) camping, leaving anything unattended (e.g. bait, blinds, traps, etc.), and damaging or injuring vegetation (e.g. cutting/nailing), require the landowner's permission. Commercial activity on CF lands is not allowed for any purpose other than forestry or oil and gas extraction. Legal land descriptions of lands listed in this program are available on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/go hunt under "Where Can I Hunt?" If you have questions about this program or specific CF lands, contact the nearest DNR office or DNR Forest Resources Division, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909, or call 517-373-1275.

Wolf-Dog Conflicts

Wolves, like most members of the wild canid family, are territorial. Wolves will defend their territories and may attack other wolves, coyotes and domestic dogs that are in their territory. Most wolf-dog conflicts occur during the bear training and hunting seasons, which overlaps with the time wolf pups are using homesites. Wolf pups remain at these homesites until they are ready to travel with the adults – usually in early fall.

Dogs used for hunting bear are at risk of being attacked by wolves because they: (1) traverse large areas, which increases their chance of coming near or encountering a homesite; (2) are released at bear bait sites that also may be used by wolves; (3) bark while tracking, which may be viewed as a territorial challenge by wolves; and (4) are some distance from the hunters and therefore not protected by the presence of humans.

Avoiding Potential Problems

To minimize the conflict between wolves and dogs, it is best to avoid areas of recent wolf activity. Wolves will concentrate much of their activity around the den and homesites. These sites often are not used from year to year and can change throughout the summer. Homesites usually are forest openings or edge areas and often are near water. They can be identified by the concentration of wolf tracks, droppings and matted vegetation. It is best to do some scouting beforehand and look for wolf sign before releasing your hounds. Be especially vigilant when starting dogs from a bear bait site and make sure wolves have not been using the bait. If wolf sign, and particularly the sign of wolf pups is evident, move to another area before releasing your dogs.

What You Can Do:

1. Report all suspected wolf-dog conflicts to the DNR immediately to allow a timely investigation.
2. Become familiar with coyote and dog tracks, so they can be correctly distinguished from wolf tracks.
3. Consider adding bells or beepers to dog collars - some hunters have reported this can reduce wolf attacks.

Requirements for lethal control of wolves that are in the act of killing or wounding a dog

1. The owner of a dog or his/her designated agent may use lethal means to kill a gray wolf that is in the act of preying (killing/injuring) upon the owner's dog. A wolf that is merely present near a dog does not authorize the use of lethal control.
2. Report the taking of a gray wolf to the DNR as soon as practicable, but no later than 12 hours after the incident.
3. If lethal means are used to kill a gray wolf, a person shall not move or disturb the dead gray wolf, or the area where lethal means were used, until a DNR official is present. The person who used lethal means to kill a gray wolf must produce the dog that was attacked for inspection by DNR officials.
4. A DNR official shall respond to the scene where lethal means were used to destroy a gray wolf no later than 12 hours after notification.
5. The owner of the dog or his/her designated agent may report the taking of a gray wolf by utilizing the Report All Poaching (RAP) hotline at 1-800-292-7800.

For information on dog conflicts with wolves, contact the Marquette Operations Service Center at 906-228-6561.

Bear Registration Stations by County

At the registration station, an official seal shall be attached to the bear and information shall be obtained from the hunter. It is no longer necessary for hunters to surrender a kill tag when sealing a bear. **An asterisk * next to the check station indicates limited staff and/or limited office hours. Hunters must call the DNR office or private cooperator before arriving to schedule an appointment.**

ALCONA

Lincoln DNR Office*
408 Main St.
Lincoln
989-727-8336

Northern Oaks

Taxidermy
21 Lake St.
Spruce
989-727-3667

ALGER

Bayshore Market
Lake Ave.
Grand Marais
906-494-2581

Bear Trap Inn

N7294 County Rd. H15
Shingleton
906-452-6364

Cusino DNR Office*

M-28
Shingleton
906-452-6236

ALLEGAN

DNR Plainwell*
Operations Service Ctr.
621 N. 10th St.
Plainwell
269-685-6851

ALPENA

Advanced Wildlife
Designs
3361 US-23 South
Alpena
989-356-3600

BARAGA

DNR Baraga Operations
Service Center
427 US-41 North
Baraga
906-353-6651

The Finns

20025 Skanee Rd.
Skanee
906-524-2020

BARRY

Barry State Game Area*
1805 S Yankee Springs Rd.
Middleville
269-795-3280

BAY

DNR Bay City Operations
Service Center
3580 State Park Dr.
Bay City
989-684-9141

CHEBOYGAN

Cheboygan DNR Office
120 A St.
Cheboygan
231-627-9011

Parkey's Taxidermy*

4512 Wilson Rd.
Indian River
231-238-8477

CHIPPEWA

Johnson's Sport Shop
29129 E. Channel Rd.
Drummond Island
906-493-6300

North Country Sports

103 Ontario
DeTour Village
906-297-6461

Sault Ste. Marie DNR*

Field Office
2001 Ashmun
I-75 Business Spur
Sault Ste Marie
906-635-5281

Strongs Motel & Tavern

28952 M-28
Strongs
906-274-5548

Wilderness Treasures

101 S. M-129
Pickford
906-647-4002

CLARE

Harrison DNR Office*
2115 Sullivan Dr.
Harrison
989-539-6411

Jay's Sporting Goods

8800 S. Clare Ave.
Clare
989-386-3475

CLINTON

Rose Lake DNR Office
8562 E. Stoll Rd.
East Lansing
517-641-4903

DELTA

Escanaba DNR Office
6833 US-2, US-41 & M-35
Gladstone
906-786-2351

Garden Sports

16167 Old Hwy. US-2
Cooks
906-644-2908

Soderman's Meats

6207 Days River 24.5 Rd.
Gladstone
906-428-2487

White's Grocery

US-2 & US-41
Escanaba
906-786-5850

DICKINSON

Norway DNR Office
520 W. US-2
Norway
906-563-9042

Whispering Pines Outpost

N-4200 M-95
Iron Mountain
906-774-1277

GLADWIN

Gladwin DNR Office*
801 N. Silverleaf
Gladwin
989-426-9205 ext. 7631

GOGEBIC

Tyger Leader Sporting
600 Douglas Blvd.
Ironwood
906-932-3650

West Shore Resort

N10960 Highway M-64
Marenisco
906-842-3336

Wild River Cafe

321 Fair Ave.
Marenisco
906-787-2220

GRAND TRAVERSE

Traverse City DNR Office
970 Emerson Rd.
Traverse City
231-922-5280

HOUGHTON

Bob Stinson
41803 Hancock St.
Chassell
906-523-3508

McLain State Park

18350 Hwy. M-203
Hancock
906-482-0278

Twin Lakes State Park

6204 E. Poyhonen Rd.
Toivola
906-288-3321

IONIA

Flat River DNR Office*
6640 Long Lake Rd.
Belding
616-794-2658

IRON

Crystal Falls DNR Office
1420 West US-2
Crystal Falls
906-875-6622

DJ's Sport Shop & Marine

31 Superior Ave.
Crystall Falls
906-875-3113

Luckey's Sport Shop

3237 US-2
Iron River
906-265-0161

JACKSON

Waterloo DNR Office
13578 Seymour Rd.
Grass Lake
517-522-4097

KEWEENAW

Fort Wilkins State Park
15223 US Hwy. 41
Copper Harbor
906-289-4215

LAKE

Baldwin DNR Office
2468 West 24th St.
Baldwin
231-745-4651

LUCE

DNR Newberry
Operations Service
Center
5100 South M-123
Newberry
906-293-5131

Muskallonge Lake State*

Park
30042 County Rd. 407
Newberry
906-658-3338

MACKINAC

JT's Taxidermy &
Processing
W14127 Sandtown Rd.
Engadine
906-477-6116

McNeil's Bar

6154 Gould City Rd.
Gould City
906-477-9915

Naubinway DNR Office*

US-2
Naubinway
906-477-6048

MACOMB

Mt. Clemens Fisheries*
Station
33135 South River Rd.
Harrison Township
586-465-4771

MARQUETTE

Cram's General Store
100 Bensinger
Big Bay
906-345-0075

Gwinn DNR Office

410 West M-35
Gwinn
906-346-9201

LaPalme's Country

Corner
County Hwy 557 & 426
Arnold
906-238-4231

DNR Marquette

Operations Service
Center
1990 US-41 South
Marquette
906-228-6561

Van Riper State Park

851 County Rd. AKE
Champion
906-339-4461

MECOSTA

Big Rapids Department*
of Public Safety
Ask for Pete Kailing
435 N. Michigan Ave.
Big Rapids
231-527-0020

MENOMINEE

B&J Taxidermy
N9590 P1 Co. Rd. 358
Daggett
906-753-4090

JJ.'s Service

US-41
Wallace
906-788-4255

M&J Taxidermy

W2443 US-2 & US-41
Wilson
906-295-0376

Martin Creek Sport 'N'

Feed
N1066 US-41
Menominee
906-863-4868

Powers-Spalding

Locker Plant
W3765 US-2 & US-41
Spalding
906-497-5248

MONTMORENCY

Atlanta DNR Office*
13501 M-33
Atlanta
989-785-4251 ext. 5233

Drawing results will be posted at
www.michigan.gov/hunt/drawings on June 25.

Preference Point System

Bear licenses are issued to hunters through a preference point system that began in 2000. In the license drawing, applicants with the greatest number of points in each hunt, earned in previous drawings, are issued licenses first. Those who are not selected receive a point for future drawings. Upon selection for a license, an applicant's preference points will return to zero, including successful applicants who choose not to purchase their license. Points are also reset to zero for applicants who do not apply for three consecutive years.

Preference points are tracked by the customer ID. If applicants use a different ID to apply than they used in previous years (or use an incorrect ID), their previous points will not be considered in the drawing. If there is a change in ID, applicants must call 517-373-1263 before the application deadline to ensure that their points are combined under their current ID.

Bear drawing success rates vary by bear management unit and hunt date. An applicant with no preference points may be drawn for a hunt that is in low demand, while a unit in higher demand may require five or more points to draw a tag. Each year, applicants may apply for any hunt they choose, and their total preference points will be considered in each drawing.


Applicants may apply for a harvest tag or apply for a preference point only, banking the point for future drawings. Applicants must be of legal age to hunt in this year's bear hunting season to be eligible to apply for a preference point (Hunt No. 00). Only one point will be awarded in a given year.

Those who fail to apply or are ineligible to apply for a license for three consecutive years will lose their points.

Check your preference points at www.michigan.gov/hunt/drawings. It is your responsibility to check your DNR application receipt for accuracy.

Applying With a Party

- Applicants who wish to hunt together should apply as a party, with a maximum of four persons per party. This is especially important for apprentice hunters.
- One of the partners must purchase an application for a hunt period, and will receive a party ID number. Remaining partners must provide this party ID number when applying **and should verify the party ID number is correct on their receipt.**
- You must use a new party ID number each year.
- The party's preference point total will equal that of the partner with the fewest number of points.
- If any partner is a nonresident, the entire party is considered nonresident. No more than two percent of licenses in any unit will be issued to nonresidents.
- All partners will receive a license if the party is selected, except for those who submit an invalid application.



www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt

The hunt of a lifetime could be yours! Don't miss your chance to experience the best hunting in Michigan. Three lucky hunters win a package of licenses to hunt elk, bear, turkey, deer and waterfowl, and hunting gear from Michigan organizations. Buy as many \$4 applications as you want - apply at www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt or at a license agent.

The Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations.

The Natural Resources Commission provides a strategic framework for the DNR to effectively manage the state's natural resources. The NRC works closely with a broad cross-section of constituents to advise the DNR on continuous improvement of resource management policy.

Department of Natural Resources

Wildlife Division • P.O. Box 30444 • Lansing, MI 48909 • 517-373-1263
www.michigan.gov/hunting
Report All Poaching: 800-292-7800
The DNR Operations Service Centers are open
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga 427 US-41 North Baraga, MI 49908 906-353-6651	Marquette 1990 US-41 South Marquette, MI 49855 906-228-6561	Rose Lake Field Office* 8562 Stoll Rd. East Lansing, MI 48823 517-641-4903 * This is a field office
Bay City 3580 State Park Drive Bay City, MI 48706 906-684-9141	Newberry 5100 State Highway M-123 Newberry, MI 49868 906-293-5131	Southfield 26000 W. Eight Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48034 248-359-9040
Cadillac 8015 Mackinaw Trail Cadillac, MI 49601 231-775-9727	Plainwell 621 North 10th Street Plainwell, MI 49080 269-685-6851	Roscommon 1-75 & M-18 South 8717 North Roscommon Rd. Roscommon, MI 48653 989-275-5151
Gaylord 1732 West M-32 Gaylord, MI 49735 989-732-3541	WEXFORD DNR Cadillac* Operations Service Ctr. 8015 Mackinaw Trail Cadillac 231-775-9727	

Thank you for purchasing a Michigan hunting license. Your hunting license dollars help restore and improve habitats for wildlife species, advance research on wildlife and wildlife-borne diseases, foster programs that help ensure access for public hunting, support hunter safety education and much more. We encourage you to keep hunting and to share your experiences with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's hunting heritage alive for future generations.

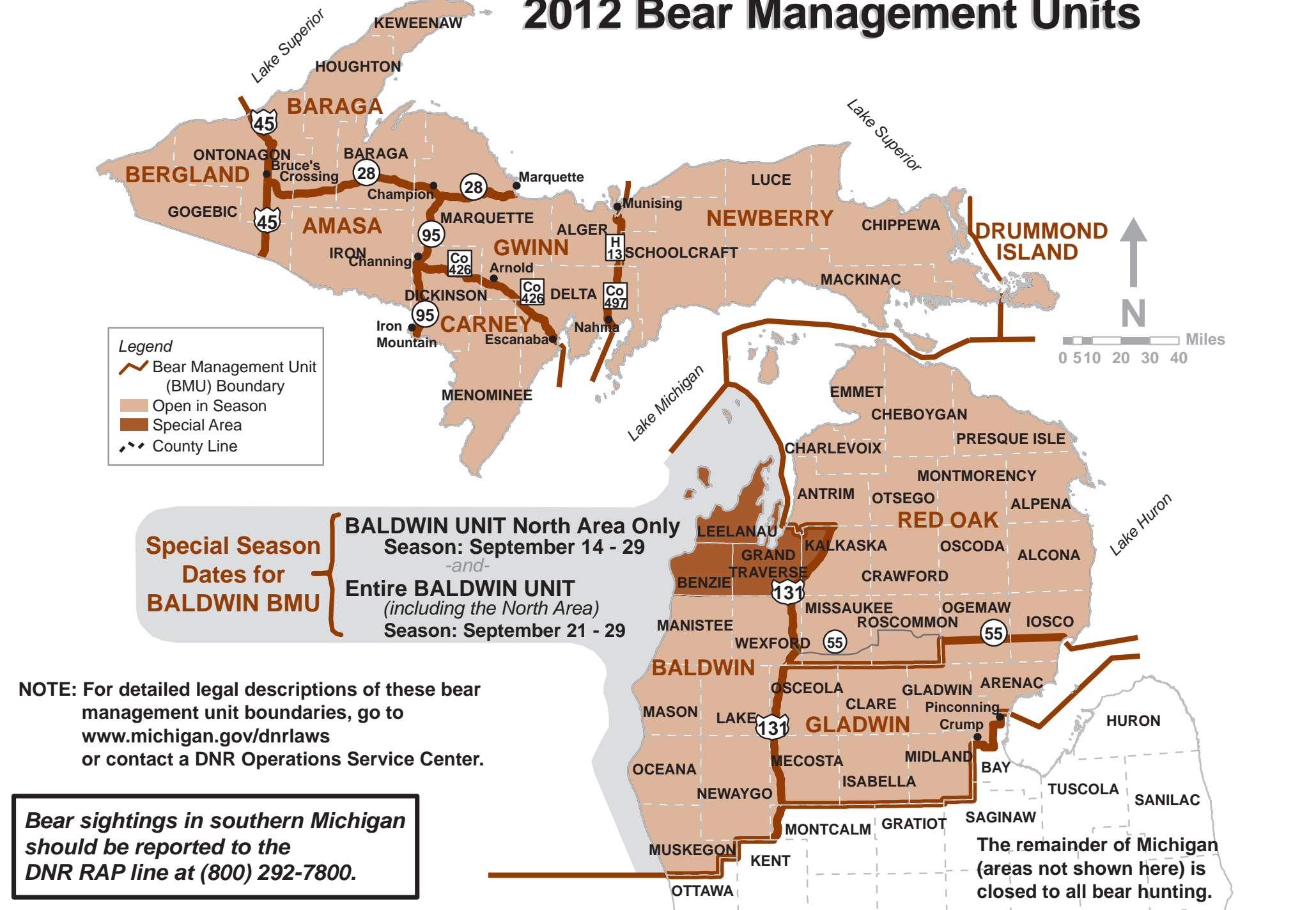


The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached over \$238 million.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources provides equal opportunities for employment and access to Michigan's natural resources. Both state and federal laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age, sex, height, weight or marital status under the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 as amended (MI PA 453) and MI PA 220, Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act). If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program activities, or facility, or if you desire additional information, please write: Human Resources, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909-7528 or the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Cadillac Place, Suite 3-600, 3054 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202 or the Division of Federal Assistance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

For information or assistance on this publication, contact the Michigan Department of

2012 Bear Management Units



NOTE: For detailed legal descriptions of these bear management unit boundaries, go to www.michigan.gov/dnrlaws or contact a DNR Operations Service Center.

Bear sightings in southern Michigan should be reported to the DNR RAP line at (800) 292-7800.

Bear Management Unit Information									
For drawing details see www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings .									
		Applicants		Licenses Available			Bears Registered**		Preference Points Required
Mgt Unit	Hunt Period	2010	2011	2010	2011	2012*	2010	2011	in 2011***
Amasa	First	1,104	1,089	110	110	100	52	58	6
	Second	553	529	170	170	150	53	60	2
	Third	653	607	360	360	255	72	85	1
Baldwin	First	2,521	2,314	50	50	70	31	20	10
	Second	1,186	1,143	630	630	470	102	126	1
	Third	1,113	954	1,275	1,275	895	137	123	0
Bergland	First	1,215	1,122	260	260	165	114	90	3
	Second	781	724	520	520	370	93	102	1
	Third	452	349	1,085	1,085	730	101	93	0
Carney	First	1,237	1,105	190	190	115	62	52	4
	Second	600	575	340	340	225	49	53	1
	Third	451	365	670	670	475	46	52	0
Drummond	First	171	160	2	2	1	2	2	11
Gladwin	First	978	863	140	140	110	13	8	4
Gwinn	First	1,615	1,489	295	295	200	90	84	4
	Second	897	757	400	400	290	80	84	1
	Third	811	746	1,040	1,040	760	84	73	0
Newberry	First	4,044	3,621	460	460	270	168	132	6
	Second	1,678	1,672	560	560	360	154	141	3
	Third	2,118	1,769	1,600	1,600	890	179	164	1
Red Oak	First	11,441	10,578	1,195	1,195	835	294	270	5
	Pref. Point Applicants	17,721	17,903						
Statewide		55,234	52,027	11,742	11,742	7,991	2,115	2,013	

NOTES: * 2012 licenses available (quota) is preliminary only, and may be adjusted prior to selection process.
** Preliminary 2011 bear registration data.
*** All resident applicants who applied with this number of points or more were selected for a license in the 2011 bear drawing. **Please note that license numbers have declined in most hunt periods for 2012 so it may require additional points to acquire a license.**

Mandatory Penalties for Certain Hunting Violations

Violation	Penalty
Violation of permits, season, bag limits, shooting hours and methods of taking game	\$50 to \$500 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail.
Illegal taking/possession of deer, bear or wild turkey	\$200 to \$1,000 fine and five to 90 days in jail, restitution of \$1500 for bear, \$1000 for deer/turkey, plus revocation of hunting licenses for remainder of year convicted, plus next three consecutive years.
Illegal use of artificial light with bow and arrow or firearm	\$100 to \$500 fine and/or five to 90 days in jail, plus revocation of hunting licenses for remainder of year convicted, plus next consecutive year.
Carrying a firearm while under the influence of alcohol or drugs	\$500 fine and/or up to 93 days in jail.
Multiple offender: two convictions within preceding five years	\$500 to \$2,000 fine and 10 to 180 days in jail.

Check your preference points at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings

Bear License Opportunity for Youth and Hunters with an Advanced Illness

Individuals who are successful in the bear license drawing may transfer their drawing success to an unsuccessful youth applicant, or to a person with an advanced illness.*

Successful applicants who wish to transfer their drawing success must submit a transfer request form by August 1. Forms are available at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings. For assistance, send an e-mail to DNR-HuntTransfer@michigan.gov or call 517-241-1971.

Youth hunters age 10-16 are eligible to receive a transfer if they were unsuccessful applicants in the current year's drawing. Individuals with an advanced illness are eligible to receive a transfer even if they did not apply.

Individuals with an advanced illness must complete the Physician Certification of Advanced Illness form to certify their eligibility for a transfer. The form is available at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.

Successful applicants may transfer their drawing success to an eligible individual of their choosing, or may donate their hunt anonymously to individuals on the DNR transfer waiting list. A donated hunt will be processed only if an eligible recipient is available to accept the particular hunt that has been donated. **Those interested in receiving a donated hunt must register online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings by July 10.**

Preference points are reset to zero for all successful applicants, even if drawing success is transferred. Those receiving a transfer will retain their preference points.

It is unlawful to transfer drawing success for a fee, or transfer drawing success and then guide that person for a fee.

**Advanced Illness is a medical condition that must be diagnosed and certified by a physician. Advanced Illness is defined by the Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978 [MCL 333.5653]. See www.legislature.mi.gov.*

Commercial Hunting Guides on Public Land

All commercial hunting guides using state-owned lands require department oversight. In 2012, all commercial hunting guides utilizing state-owned lands must receive written authorization. Guides are required to meet the conditions of the written authorization. If you are a guide who utilizes state-owned lands, please visit the DNR web site at www.michigan.gov/statelandpermission for more information.

Commercial guiding on National Forest (NF) lands requires a special use permit. Applications can be obtained through any office or by calling - Hiawatha NF: 906-428-5800; Huron-Manistee NF: 231-775-5023; Ottawa NF: 906-932-1330.

Hunter Harassment

Hunters in Michigan have the right to enjoy their sport free from deliberate interference. Individuals whose hunting is being obstructed should promptly report the violation to a local conservation officer, the nearest DNR office or by calling 800-292-7800.

NOTICE: This brochure is not a legal notice, nor a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed guide issued for hunters' convenience. Copies of wildlife conservation orders can be obtained from our web site, www.michigan.gov/dnrlaws.

2012 Bear Hunts

HUNT NUMBER	MANAGE- MENT UNIT	SEASON DATES	LICENSE QUOTA*
00	I do not want to be included in the license drawing this year, but I want a preference point for future use.		
01	Bergland	Sept. 10 - Oct. 21	165
02		Sept. 15 - Oct. 26	370
03		Sept. 25 - Oct. 26	730
04	Baraga	Sept. 10 - Oct. 21	255
05		Sept. 15 - Oct. 26	470
06		Sept. 25 - Oct. 26	895
07	Amasa	Sept. 10 - Oct. 21	100
08		Sept. 15 - Oct. 26	150
09		Sept. 25 - Oct. 26	255
10	Carney	Sept. 10 - Oct. 21	115
11		Sept. 15 - Oct. 26	225
12		Sept. 25 - Oct. 26	475
13	Gwinn	Sept. 10 - Oct. 21	200
14		Sept. 15 - Oct. 26	290
15		Sept. 25 - Oct. 26	760
16	Newberry	Sept. 10 - Oct. 21	270
17		Sept. 15 - Oct. 26	360
18		Sept. 25 - Oct. 26	890
19	Drummond	Sept. 10 - Oct. 21	1
20	Red Oak**	Sept. 21 - Sept. 29 Oct. 5 - Oct. 11 (archery only) (firearm and crossbow prohibited)	835
21	Baldwin	Sept. 21 - Sept. 29 (all)	70
22	Gladwin	Sept. 14 - Sept. 29 (North Area only) Sept. 21 - Sept. 29	110

* Quotas may be adjusted prior to the selection process.

** Licenses issued for the Red Oak Bear Management Unit are valid for all Red Oak hunt periods.

How to Apply

- Look at the map. Choose a bear management unit in which to hunt.
- Choose a hunt number for the bear management unit and dates you wish to hunt. A second hunt choice is optional.
- Complete the worksheet.
- Apply at a license agent, DNR Operations Service Center or online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.
- Check your receipt for accuracy. Retain receipt as proof of application. **It is your responsibility to ensure application information is correct.**

It is unlawful to purchase more than one bear license. If you are selected for a bear hunting license, make sure you are not sold the no kill tag (NKT) bear license by mistake.

Lower Peninsula Season Structure:

The first day of the Red Oak, Baldwin and Gladwin season (Sept. 21) is for bait-only hunting. The first day of the Baldwin North Area season (Sept. 14) is for bait-only hunting.

The last two days of the Red Oak, Baldwin and Gladwin firearm season (Sept. 28-29) are for bear hunting with dogs only.

Application Worksheet

You will be asked for the following information when applying:

- Your birth date? _____
- Customer ID number? Michigan Driver License, State of Michigan ID Card, or DNR Sportcard
- Application item number? 180 Bear Application \$4
280 Comprehensive Lifetime Bear Application* Free
- Joining existing party? No, if applying by yourself or if you are the first person in a party to apply (go to item 5). Yes, if a member of your party already has purchased an application for 2012 (go to item 6).
- Hunt number? _____ First hunt choice - see 2012 Bear License Quotas table above.
Enter hunt 00 for a preference point only.
_____ Second hunt choice (optional)**
- Party ID Number _____ Same number as printed on your party member's receipt; leave blank if applying by yourself. Maximum of four persons per party.

Read your application receipt carefully. It is your responsibility to ensure the information was entered properly. Retain your DNR receipt as proof of your application.

* You must be a Comprehensive Lifetime Bear License holder to apply for this application number.

** If you choose a second hunt choice, it will be considered only if licenses remain after all first hunt choices have been awarded for all applicants. Hunt periods which have required zero preference points in the past are more likely to have licenses available for second hunt choices, but there is no guarantee that licenses will be available for second hunt choices in any hunt period.

Bear Licenses and Costs

License Type	Cost	License Item Numbers		
		Drawn Hunting License	Leftover Hunting License	NKT License*
Resident	\$15.00	181	281	185
Senior (65+)	\$6.00	182	282	186
Nonresident	\$150.00	183	283	187
Apprentice Resident	\$15.00	626	681	630
Apprentice Senior (65+)	\$6.00	627	682	631
Apprentice Nonresident	\$150.00	628	683	632
Apprentice Lifetime Comprehensive	Free	629	684	633
Lifetime Comprehensive	Free	184	284	188

*A no kill tag (NKT) bear license is required by any individual pursuing bear with dogs and in possession of a firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow who accompanies a licensed bear hunter during the hunt and by the owner of any dog chasing or locating bear on a hunt.

Leftover Licenses

If any licenses remain after the drawing, one leftover license may be obtained on a first-come, first-served basis until the quota is met in each hunt period, as follows:

- Beginning July 9 – Available to Lifetime Comprehensive License holders only
- Beginning July 16 – Available to unsuccessful bear drawing applicants
- Beginning July 23 – Available to any hunter, including those who did not apply

There is no guarantee that leftover licenses will be available for any hunt unit. Leftover licenses are available to Michigan residents only. Preference points will be reset to zero for purchasers of a leftover bear license, except for Lifetime Comprehensive License holders. **It is unlawful to obtain more than one bear license.** Remaining licenses may be viewed at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.

General Rules

- A person shall not kill or attempt to kill a bear unless the person has an unused bear harvest license issued in his or her name for the bear management unit in which he or she is hunting. Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- It is unlawful to assist a tribal member engaged in treaty-authorized hunting unless the non-tribal member assisting: 1) has a state license for that activity and complies with all state laws including season dates covering that activity, or 2) is the spouse, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild or sibling of the tribal member who is present during the activity, and as long as such assistance by the family member does not include using a firearm, crossbow or bow.
- You may not hunt bear with a firearm or crossbow during the archery-only bear season in the Red Oak Management Unit. Exception: Use of a crossbow with a disability permit.
- Upon killing a bear, the holder of a bear license shall immediately attach the kill tag provided with the bear hunting license to the lower jaw of the bear. The kill tag shall remain attached to the bear until the bear is sealed and registered at a designated bear registration station. The entire bear or head must be sealed within 72 hours of the kill. The seal shall remain attached to the bear until:
 - The carcass is processed or butchered for consumption by an individual for his or her use;
 - The carcass is accepted for processing and recorded by a commercial processor. If the head or hide is returned to the person submitting the animal to the commercial processor, the seal shall accompany the head or hide;
 - The carcass is accepted for processing and recorded by a licensed taxidermist.
- It is unlawful to disturb a bear den or disturb, harm or molest a bear in its den.
- It is unlawful for any nonresident to assist and/or guide another person in any manner in the taking of bear for a fee, other consideration, or service of value, either directly or indirectly.
- BAG LIMIT: Only one bear per calendar year.
- It is unlawful to take a cub bear or a female bear accompanied by a cub bear.
- Firearm bear hunters are required to wear a hat, cap, vest, jacket or rain gear of highly visible color, commonly referred to as "hunter orange," while hunting on any lands. The hunter orange garment must be the outermost garment and must be visible from all sides. Camouflage orange garments must be 50 percent or more hunter orange. Crossbow and archery bear hunters are exempt from the hunter orange requirement.
- It is legal to hunt bear from a raised platform or tree stand when using a firearm, bow or crossbow.
- Crossbow hunters may use only arrows, bolts and quarrels with a broadhead hunting type of point not less than 7/8 inch wide with a minimum of 14 inches in length.
- A free crossbow stamp, available from all license agents or online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings, is required for those using a crossbow to hunt, in addition to a valid hunting license.
- Nonresidents must own and have either a concealed pistol license or a license to purchase, carry, or transport issued by their home state in their possession in order to legally carry or transport a handgun in Michigan.
- When hunting or fishing, you must carry your license and the identification used to purchase that license, and exhibit both upon demand of a Michigan conservation officer, a tribal conservation officer or any law enforcement officer.
- Bear hunters may use ground blinds on state lands in the bear management unit for which they are licensed. Blinds may be placed from August 10 (Upper Peninsula) or August 17 (Lower Peninsula) through five days after the close of the bear season, or if successful, five days after harvesting a bear. The name and address of the licensed bear hunter must be permanently affixed to the ground blind.

Baiting Rules

From the start of the legal bear baiting period (31 days before the bear hunting season begins in the bear management unit) through the end of bear hunting season, bear hunters may use the following products without quantity restrictions:

- meat and meat products, including dog food,
- fish and fish products, including cat food; and
- bakery/confectionery products, including jams, jellies, sweeteners, candies and other cooked or commercially processed materials, including pie fillings and yogurts, used in bakery products.

From the start of the legal bear baiting period through the end of bear hunting season, bear hunters may use up to two gallons of grains per bait station, provided the bait is made inaccessible to deer and elk. It is illegal to use grains in counties closed to deer and elk feeding and deer baiting (currently Deer Management Unit 487 in the northeastern Lower Peninsula).

All other materials, including fruits, vegetables, salt and minerals, may be used in limited quantities, starting October 1, except in those counties closed to deer and elk feeding and deer baiting (currently Deer Management Unit 487). Bear hunters using grains, fruits, vegetables, salt and minerals, beginning October 1, must comply with all other deer and elk feeding and deer baiting regulations for the area and time in which they are baiting bear.

Hunters should consult the Michigan Hunting and Trapping Digest, which is available each year in mid August, for deer and elk feeding and deer baiting regulations, including closed counties.

- For the purpose of these rules, a bait station is a site where food or lure that attracts bear is placed.
- It is unlawful to establish a bait station that attracts bear prior to August 10 in Bergland, Baraga, Amasa, Drummond, Carney, Gwinn and Newberry management units or prior to August 14 in the Baldwin north area and August 21 in the Baldwin, Gladwin and Red Oak management units. It also is illegal to tend or establish a bait station for the purpose of attracting bear after September 29 in the Baldwin and Gladwin units, after October 11 in the Red Oak Unit and after October 26 in the Upper Peninsula.
- It is unlawful to hunt over a bait that attracts bear that was established prior to August 10 in Bergland, Baraga, Amasa, Carney, Gwinn, Newberry and Drummond management units, or prior to August 14 in the Baldwin north area and August 21 in the Baldwin, Gladwin and Red Oak management units. Bear hunting without the aid of dogs is prohibited on September 28 and 29 in the Baldwin, Gladwin and Red Oak management units.
- It is unlawful to use metal containers, plastic, wood, concrete, glass, fabric, cloth or paper at a bait station on public lands or commercial forest lands, or have within 100 yards of the bait site any containers used to transport bait to the baiting site. Dead and downed trees may be used. It also is illegal to use a tire at a bait station on public or commercial forest lands.
- It is unlawful to place bait other than on the ground at bait stations on public or commercial forest lands. Any containers used to transport bait to bait stations on public lands and commercial forest lands must be removed and disposed of properly. Also see Commercial Forest Lands section.
- It is unlawful for any licensed bear hunter or his/her designee to establish or tend more than three bait stations per hunter. However, it is unlawful for any person to establish or tend more than a total of 12 bait stations.

Dog Rules

- For the purpose of hunting bear, no more than six dogs shall be run as a pack. Relaying of packs is prohibited. It is not unlawful to replace individual dogs, provided six or fewer dogs are used at one time. All dogs must be immunized and licensed and must have a license or other form of identification affixed to their collars.
- Nonresidents must have in their possession a special permit to use dogs while hunting bear. No more than 10 dogs may be registered on one permit. The free permits are available by calling 517-373-9329.
- It is unlawful to train dogs or hunt bear with dogs September 5-14 in the Upper Peninsula, September 9-14 in the Baldwin north area and September 16-21 in the rest of the Lower Peninsula. It also is unlawful to chase bears with dogs during the October 5-11 archery-only season in the Red Oak Bear Management Unit.
- Those 10 years or older pursuing bear with dogs during an open season shall have in their possession either a valid Michigan bear hunting license or a no kill tag license if in possession of a firearm, crossbow or bow and arrow or if the owner of any dog used for chasing or locating bear during the hunt.
- For purposes of training, no more than eight dogs may be used to chase bear during a single day.
- It is unlawful to train a dog on a captive, tethered or caged bear.
- Except as specified in #8 below, nonresidents shall not chase bear with dogs outside the open season.
- Outside the open bear hunting season, nonresidents may train dogs on bear only on special dog training areas or when participating in an authorized field trial.
- For purposes of training or hunting bear, dogs shall not be allowed to begin chasing bear from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- It is unlawful to train dogs on bear or other wild animals from April 16–July 7.
- It is unlawful to train dogs on bear or hunt bear in the Gladwin Field Trial Area.